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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1--19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claims 1--19 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: _____.

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The claims in the application are claims 1--19.

This application has been found to contain more than one invention. Therefore, restriction to one of the following distinct inventions is required:

Group (I) the instances is claim 1 where X is CH, the pyrimidines in class 544 - sub. 300--355 depending on substitution, with which claims 2--8 join, to the extent they read on the elected inventions.

Group II the instances is claim 1 where X is N, the triazine in class 544 - sub. 180--222 depending on substitution, with which claims 3--8 join, to the extent they read on the elected invention.

Group III claims 9--16 drawn to multiple methods of use. MPEP 806.05 (f) provides for restricting out such claims altogether where it can be shown that the compounds have more than one use. ~~The~~ the claims become evidence claims to that allegation. Applicants may, if they wish, elect one use of their compounds to be examined therewith, and present a claim directed thereto.

Group IV claims 17--19 drawn to pyridines in class 546.

These distinct inventions have acquired separate status in the art, will support separate patents, and will require different fields of search for the respective inventions. Accordingly, restriction for examination purposes, as indicated, is considered proper; 35 U.S.C. 121; 37 CFR 1.141 and 37 CFR 1.142.

Claim 1 constitutes an improper joinder of inventions, as it groups together species inventions that are distinct and separately classified, and will support separate patents. Ex parte

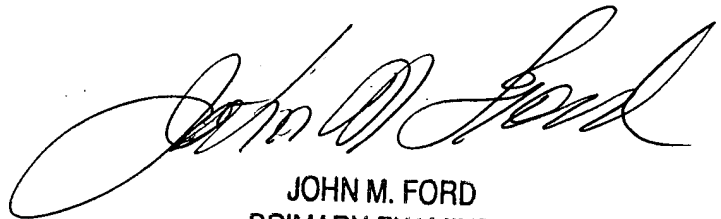
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Markush, 1925 C.D. 126, provided for this claim structure where there was an emergency engendered need, as the substances were "so closely related that they would not support a series of patents." This is not the case here. Therefore, the instant generic claims constitute an improper joinder of inventions; Ex parte Reid, 105 U.S.P.Q. 251; In re Winnek, 73 U.S.P.Q. 225; In re Ruzicka, 66 U.S.P.Q. 226.

Applicants' response must include a provisional election, even if the requirement be traversed, see 37 CFR 1.143 and 37 CFR 1.144.

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